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It Hangs On

If it was only health, we might let it cling. But it is a cough. One cold no sooner passes off before another comes. But it's the same old cough all the time. And it's the same old story, too. There is first the cold, then the cough, then pneumonia or consumption with the long sickness, and life trembling in the balance.

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NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administratrix of L. L. Greene, deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dec. 15, 98.

MATTIE J. GREENE, Adm'x.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Pinkney Underwood deceased, all persons having claims against his estate are notified to present the same duly authenticated within 12 months from the date of this notice, or it will be plead in bar of their recovery. This Jan. 2, 1899.

C. J. COTTRELL, Adm'r.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Senator Gorman knew when he began his fight against the treaty that the securing of thirty-odd votes against the ratification of the treaty, would not permanently reject the treaty, because of the certainty of its commanding more than the necessary two thirds in the Senate of the next Congress; therefore it was unimportant whether he secured them or not. But he has accomplished the principal object for which he fought. The speeches made in the Senate have aroused the people of the country to the danger that lies in our permanent possession of the Philippines and made it certain that public opinion will prevent the carrying out of the imperial policy that has been buzzing in the heads of the heads of Mr. McKinley and some of the chief advisers. Mr. Gorman thinks that public opinion could not have been so speedily or so thoroughly aroused in any other way, as it has been by the fight he and those who acted with him, have made. They were not strong enough in votes to amend the treaty, but the result shows that there are more ways than hanging to kill a dog. If imperialism hasn't been killed, it has been badly crippled.

Mr. Keegan, a representative of the International Mechanics Union, who was among those heard by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, on the eight hour bill, made some startling charges. He charged that the Cramp Ship-building Company and the Maxim-Nordenfeldt Gun Company, being unable to fill at the price specified contracts for guns and gun carriages, awarded them by the Government, had had the work performed by Government employees at the Washington Navy Yard, and received in cash, the difference between the cost of making and the contract price. He charged that under the arrangement specified, the Cramp Co., had received \$17,000, as the difference between the cost of making the Gun carriages and the contract price, and that the Maxim-Nordenfeldt Co., had received \$2400 each for guns which were made by government employees, at a cost of \$1,000 each, thus pocketing a profit of \$1400 on each gun, without engaging in the work of making them. Senator Kyle was directed to investigate these charges.

The House Judiciary Committee has reported a resolution declaring that Gen. Wheeler, Col. Campbell, Col. Colson, and Maj. Robbins vacated their seats in the House when they accepted Commissions in the Army. The attempt to have the committee take the same action in the cases of Representatives who are members of several existing Government Commissions, was a failure. The Committee decided that

Congressmen may serve on Civil Commissions without forfeiting their seats.

Although the Republican House Caucus decided not to try to push any financial legislation at this session, the extreme gold standard men are trying to force action on the Bill financial bill. A resolution has been offered, fixing Feb. 14th for voting on that bill, and pressure is being brought to bear on the Committee on Rules, to have that resolution reported back to the House.

Commissions in the cavalry branch of the regular army, are vainly sought after by many West Pointers, but James Fuller McKinley, son of Abner, and nephew of the President, whose only military experience consisted of a few weeks service as a private in the 8th Ohio Volunteers, has been nominated to be a 2nd Lieut. in the Cavalry branch of the regular army. The nomination is likely to be confirmed, simply because there is nothing against the young man personally, but all the same it ought not to be.

Senator Daniel's speech against imperialism and expansion, which occupied three hours and a half, was a masterly argument for continuing in the steps of the founders of this government, and as an oratorical effort has not been surpassed at this session.

Americans like fair play in a fight. Gen. Miles has stood up like a man and charged that contractors supplied our troops with embalmed beef, and offered to furnish proof of the charge. Secretary Alger, and his gang are skulking around trying to stab Miles in the back, being afraid to order him court-martialed, because that would give him an opportunity to produce the proof he has of his charge. The report of the War Investigating Commission, now in Mr. McKinley's possession, is relied upon to give Miles several stabs. Mr. McKinley has been asked to remove Miles from the command of the army, but he is afraid to do so, because in that case, Miles would have a right to demand the cause, and if a cause were given to demand a court-martial decide whether it be a just one. A sneaky way of ousting Miles has been involved by Alger. It is proposed to amend the Hull army bill by providing for a revival of the grade of Lieutenant General and then nominating Merritt, or some other Major-General to the position. Merritt would not be much more satisfactory to Alger as Commander of the Army than Miles is, as his contempt for Alger, which dates away back to Alger's court-martial during the civil war, has never been concealed, and their relations, since Alger became Secretary of War have been confined to strictly official matters. It looks as though the administration would be compelled to give Miles a chance to prove his charge, by ordering some sort of Military Inquiry. Mr. McKinley is said to have promised that much.

Remedies for the Grip.

Monroe Journal.

There is on one but who now has, has had, or will have the grip. In view of this very plain fact, some cures that are warranted, will be interesting to our readers.

We mentioned last week that some one had said that a half teaspoonful of sulphur worn in each stocking or shoe would keep off grip, and even other diseases. This at least has simplicity and cheapness in its favor.

Here is another of equal simplicity and harmlessness, given by a physician: "It is simple assafoetida, given in four-grain pills, one pill four times a day (i. e., every three hours.) No man need be sick of grip these days who will take it."

But there is one that may appeal more strongly to some people: "W. J. Case gives the following as a cure for the grip. He says he has tried it successfully several times. He gets a pint of Holland gin, and puts it into a full tablespoonful of quinine, after mixing well he goes to bed, taking the bottle with him, and continues to take drink after drink of the liquid until he goes to sleep. After this a heavy sweat sets in, and when morning comes the grip has gone. He says one used to drinking whiskey can easily swallow the pint, but others require less."

N. B. Don't forget the quinine.

One more remedy and we complete the list that has so far come to our notice. A Kentucky merchant who had been studying the disease reached the conclusion that "a good wholesome sneeze was worth a whole drug store of medicine as a preventive of the much dreaded disease. When you begin to feel bad, if you cannot sneeze otherwise, snuff the odor of a pod of red pepper, and the desired effect will be produced. He reasons that la grippe is caused by microbes and sneezing removes them from the nostrils.

We make no charge for reproducing these prescriptions for our readers.

New York World: It crosses out the figures on tags attached to articles of clothing and writes higher prices in their stead.

It draws lines through the columns of prices in the lists of grocer and butcher and writes new columns of higher figures.

It erases the numerals in the landlord's bill and holds his hand to make it write in higher rentals.

It slips its fingers into the envelope containing the workman's wages and abstracts a part therefrom.

This stealthy, so sly, so stealthy, is the hand of unjust taxation.

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Wayside Flowers.

As I journeyed along the pathway of life I found lovely flowers, beautiful in form and texture and fragrant in odors. God made them so, and as I gazed upon them in the glorious profusion of a lovely summer day, they seemed to be proclaiming, "God is good." I looked into the heart of each flower and found only purity, and remembered Him who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Shall you, shall I, behold Him?

"The beautiful, fair, and the lovely of earth
Are fading fast, fading from the hour of their birth."

As we look on the flowers nestling in the cool grass, twining and interlacing among the branches of trees, forming natural bowers of loveliness and fragrance, we wonder if there is anything more beautiful in life. They spread the pathway of kings and noble men with flowers as they pass, but God cheers the pathway of the humblest by the wild flowers of the wayside, and because they are His free gift and given in such lavish profusion, I love them best. Are they not all forget-me-nots of God? In His sunshine they live; accomplishing His purpose they die, for "brief is the life of a flower." We, too, when our short season is o'er, will be gathered by God's own hand, and those who pass by will miss us a little while we miss the wayside flowers when the frost of death has laid them low. Blessed are they who "Shall bear hope's tender blossoms into the silent land."—Percy Ashton.

Monkeys as Cotton Pickers.
Statesville Landmark.

Mr. G. E. French returned last week from a visit to Memphis. Remarking on the fact that the cotton fields of Mississippi are yet white with last year's unpicked crop Mr. French tells of a rather novel force of cotton pickers used by a Mississippi planter. On one occasion an itinerant showman visited that country with a lot of trained monkeys which he had taught to do various tricks. Among those who saw the monkeys was a cotton planter and the idea suggested itself to him that the monkeys might be utilized in picking cotton. He got some and tried the plan with such success that he now has 300 monkeys picking cotton on his farm and a lot of others are being shipped to him to be used for the same purpose.

Mr. French says a sack that will hold about 25 lbs. of cotton is fastened around the monkey's neck. When the sack is filled the monkey goes to a point in the field where a man empties his sack for him and then goes back and fills it again.

The colored man, however, is looking upon this invasion in the labor market as a direct infringement upon his rights and is threatening to annihilate the whole tribe of monkeys.

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Woman's Greatest Charm.

The New York Press has been collecting opinions as to what constitutes "woman's greatest charm." Here are a few of the opinions:

Grace of expression is pre-eminently woman's greatest charm.

I think woman's greatest charm is neatness.

It is my unalterable conviction that a kindly, gracious manner is a charm greater than any beauty of face or form, sparkling wit or various accomplishments.

A woman's greatest charm lies in her power to love.

Take my word for it, girls, and be natural. Therein lies your greatest charm, and in the long run you will come out ahead.

I should say that it was womanliness, as every man loves a womanly woman."

Lenoir Topic: Last Friday three centenarians were in town. They were Rev. J. L. Healen, who lives here, and is 84; Mr. Azor Shell, who lives one mile west of Lenoir, also 84; and Mr. N. A. Powell, who lives two miles away, and was 83 on Monday of last week. The latter, in speaking of his age and his ups and downs, says he attended the general election in 1825, and has attended every election since. He cast his first vote (Democratic) in 1836—has voted the Democratic ticket at every election since then. He has seven children dead and his two wives. But, with all, he is now seeing his happiest days—has plenty to eat, has nothing, wants nothing, deserves nothing. "God bless these old patriarchs, may they live a hundred years. [Since writing the foregoing we learn that Rev. Dr. Buxton is past 80 thus making four.]

Salisbury Sun: The situation has reached quite an interesting phase in Judge Ewart case. He was turned down by the sub judicary committee and then the full judiciary committee sustained the sub committee. The contest will now be in open Senate between Pritchard and Butler. It is not yet definitely known what will be the result. It is said that an effort will be made to confirm his appointment, the opposition among the Republicans, however, appears strong. The Judge seems to be having hard lines. The opposition to him if anything, would indicate that he is not the man for the place.

Greensboro Telegram: Speaking of the probability of the failure to confirm Judge Ewart, the Charlotte Observer asks how are the President and Senate to do any better among Western North Carolina Republicans? If we may be allowed to answer that question will say that for genuine ability Greensboro has some Republican lawyers who could easily fill the bill. Hon. Thomas Settle, for instance. Or, if it were not for his extreme youth, we would suggest that a worse selection might be made than our neighbor, Robert D. Douglas.

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